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Enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and accompanying form PTO-1449 for the above-identified patent application.

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

Submitted herewith is a copy of an official action dated December 25, 2002, and a translation thereof, issued in a corresponding Japanese application. The undersigned hereby certifies that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in the attached Japanese communication, not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

JP4-305777 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,377,016. And JP9-163088 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,740,496 (already of record).

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To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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